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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SILANE COMPOUND, POLYSILOXANE, AND RADIATION-SENSITIVE RESIN  
COMPOSITION**

*(Title of the Invention)*

The specification of which:

- a.  is attached hereto;

**OR**

- b.  was filed on April 14, 2006  
as United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP04/15150  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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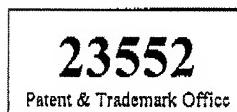
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